

Senate Resolution 54

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st and Grant of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Tech Band on its 100th anniversary and for its
2 appearance in the 2008 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in 1908, 14 students at the Georgia Institute of Technology joined together to
5 form the first Georgia Tech Band; and

6 WHEREAS, during the early years, the Tech Band established and popularized the
7 far-reaching tunes "Ramblin' Wreck," "Up With the White and Gold," and the school's alma
8 mater under the direction of greats including Frank Roman, Major A.J. Garing, and Ben
9 Logan Sisk; and

10 WHEREAS, over the years, the band and music program have expanded to include an
11 orchestra, a jazz band, chamber ensembles, and an electronic percussion ensemble, with the
12 opportunity to perform around the state, nation, and overseas; and

13 WHEREAS, the year 2008 marked the 100th anniversary of the Georgia Tech Band; and

14 WHEREAS, in honor of its centennial, the band performed in the annual Macy's
15 Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City and was one of only two collegiate bands
16 invited to appear in the 2008 parade; and

17 WHEREAS, under the direction of Athletic Band Director Christopher Moore, the 350
18 student members of the Yellow Jackets Marching Band prepared for months to perform on
19 the streets of Manhattan on Thursday, November 27, 2008, before more than 46 million
20 attendees and television viewers; and

21 WHEREAS, throughout its 100 year history, culminating with a dazzling performance in
22 Herald Square in November, the Georgia Tech Band has brought pride, honor, and esteem
23 to Georgia Tech and the great State of Georgia.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 join in commending the Georgia Tech Band on its 100th anniversary and for its outstanding
26 performance in the 2008 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and congratulate its leaders and
27 members on their great accomplishments.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Athletic Band Director Christopher
30 Moore and Music Department Director Frank Clark.